

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph appearing at page 22, line 22- page 23, line 21,
with the following revised paragraph:

As in the first embodiment, the planar wall (cover wall) 228 includes a thin wall portion 231 and a thick wall portion 230. In the second embodiment, the thick wall portion comprises a reinforcing rib 230. The reinforcing~~A reinforcing~~ rib 230 is integrally formed in the planar wall 228 in such a manner that the reinforcing rib 230 protrudes on a side opposite from the valve body 221. The reinforcing rib 230 is located radially outward of the radially outermost injection holes 229 and has an annular lateral cross section that extends continuously in the circumferential direction of the planar wall 228. In the present embodiment, all of the injection holes 229 correspond to the radially outermost injection holes 229. However, in the case where the inner injection holes 229 are provided radially inward of the outer injection holes 229 arranged along the common circle, the injection holes 229 except the inner injection holes 229 provided radially inward of the outer injection holes 229 along the common circle correspond to the outermost injection holes 229. Also, in the case where only one injection hole 229 is provided, the only one injection hole 239 corresponds to the outermost injection hole 229. The central axis of the reinforcing rib 230 coincides with the central axis O of the planar wall 229, and an inner diameter of the reinforcing rib 230 is greater than an inner diameter of the opening 223 of the valve body 221. With this arrangement, the opening 223 is covered with a radially inner portion (thin wall portion) 231 of the planar wall 228, which is located radially inward of the reinforcing rib 230. That is, the opening 223 is covered with the thin wall portion 231 of the planar wall 228, in which the injection holes 229 are provided, and the reinforcing rib 230 is not present. Hereinafter, this portion 231 will be referred to as a nozzle portion 231.